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- 1. The chief food problem in the Lithuanian SSR is the bread supply. Bakeries do not have sufficient flour to fulfill Plan quotas, and they use extra water to fill this deficiency. People have to stand in line for as long as four hours each morning to receive two kilograms of half-cooked bread. Despite this, party officials write letters to Stalin stating that they have fulfilled Plan quotas and promising to bake more bread with less flour in the future.
- 2. Sugar is in short supply even though there is a sugar factory in Panevezys. People wait in line all night in order to purchase .5 kilogram of sugar, and sometimes even then they cannot obtain their rations. Potatoes are seldom available; and, when there is a supply, most of it goes to speculators.
- 3. Since collectivization, farmers bring fewer goods to market because they need the food for themselves. There is no reserve for sale to people in cities. Examples of market prices include the following: 1 kg butter, 35 rubles; 1 kg bacon, 40 rubles; 50 kg potatoes, 60 rubles; 1 kg flour, 15-18 rubles. Prices in shops are even higher, an example being butter at 44 rubles per kg. Though the farmer receives only 4.5 rubles for 50 kg of corn, he must pay 1.85 rubles per kg of bread.
- L. Other prices in the Lithuanian SSR include: canvas shoes, 66 rubles; 1 cu m. firewood, 70-80 rubles; electric current (quantity unspecified), 15-20 rubles; rent for one room, 50 rubles.
- 5. Workers receive an average monthly wage of 300 rubles and are forced to steal the products of the factories in which they work in order to live.

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6. Lithuanians have set new words to the Soviet song "Yesli Zavtra Voina":

If tomorrow there is war There is no bacon today. You'd better not dream of butter! Barefooted, in rags, are all our folks. Do sing, therefore, the praise of Stalin.

In another song, the people sing:

Holes are in my trousers. All the patches are gone. Father Stalin, repair all the patches.

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